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Title: Welcome to LFE's Beltaine festival!

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The festival of Beltaine, which literally means "Bel's fire" (Beal-teinne) marks the beginning of the summer and the light half of the Celtic year. Traditionally, all fires were extinguished on the eve of Beltaine, to be relit from the sacred 'needfire' kindled at dawn. The sacred fire would also, it was believed, bring protection, good fortune and fertility to the people.

It was also the time when young Celtic warriors would put their fighting skills to the test in the challenges of the Beltaine Games. With the hard work of planting accomplished, it was a time when the clans came together in celebration of the sun and to hope that the crops would grow and flourish in the months ahead.